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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6044**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 61**

**NOTE PREPARED: Feb 18, 2014**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Medical Services Provider Disability Benefits.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Boots

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill authorizes a municipal corporation to provide programs of disability insurance (Programs) to its emergency medical services providers who become disabled as the result of an injury or illness: (1) that is not covered by worker's compensation or occupational diseases compensation; or (2) for which worker's compensation or occupational diseases compensation has been exhausted. It also provides that the elimination or waiting period before a benefit begins may not be greater than: (1) 30 days, for a short-term disability program; or (2) 120 days, for a long-term disability program.

The bill allows a municipal corporation to provide the programs by purchasing policies of group insurance or establishing a self-insurance program. It requires the fiscal body of a municipal corporation to approve the establishment of a self-insurance program. The bill allows the programs to exclude part-time employees and individuals who provide services to the municipal corporation under a contract.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Pension Management Oversight Commission.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2014.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The cost of medical service provider disability benefits for a particular municipality that opts to create a disability insurance program depends on local decisions, including:  
(1) What level of salary/wage replacement is chosen by the municipality in the design of the program;

- (2) Whether the municipality chooses to cover part-time emergency medical services providers or emergency medical services providers under contract; and
- (3) Whether the municipality chooses to purchase a group insurance policy or self-insure for such benefits.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Municipalities.

**Information Sources:**

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